

**TOWN LANDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
2-6-07**

Attendance: Melinda Richter, Jane Smith, Bernice Kenney, Lee Overall, Bob Waddle
Staff: Terri Sawyer, Bill Wells
Guests: Tony Barrett, Chris Coffin

The Minutes of 1-9-07 were approved with some corrections and / or clarification from Tony:

"Tony shared a bit of info that might be useful: on July 1, 2007, the Dept. of Labor will **transfer the Maine Conservation Corps (MCC)** to the Dept. of Conservation. ~~Within the Dept. of Conservation, is the "Maine Conservation Corps" which is comprised of youth.~~ This group **The MCC** works on trails during the summer months, throughout the State, using **accepted** "trail techniques". The application process is typically runs available from April – November to take advantage for the following year; Tony will **provide** help with an application form for the Committee to look at, at the next meeting.

Lester Kenway is a **Maine** Appalachian Trail Club member who is Operations Mgr. of the **MCC** crew and Tony suggested that we might want to contact Lester and have him come for a day and take a look at the Giant's Stairs and the Devil's Back. If we wanted a consultant, he might be someone we might consider.

Tony reported extensive property damage done by ATVs to Town property behind the Town Office area. ~~{Tony suggested that the Committee contact Bill Wells and utilize John Loyd's expertise}...~~and some reference to an article to **appear** in the Harpswell Anchor by Tulle Frazer **about the ATV damage.**"

Terri Sawyer gave a report on the "Right-of-Way Discovery Grant". The Town received \$2500.00 which will be used to clarify some issues with :

(1) Giant's Stairs – (Chris Coffin spoke about the "history" of the Giant's Stairs through the years). A formal consent agreement with the parties may be considered.

(2) Tide Mill Cove — mowing and the abutter; refer to Minutes of 5-24-05 and 8-23-05 in which the Committee recommended that the Town mow the property.

(3) Stover's Point — is it really a Town road? Is it a Town road all the way to the water? Do we have access to Lot 197 or is it land-locked?

Stover's Point Rd. is a Town road. What about Stover's Cove Rd.?

The Committee recommends that the Selectmen move toward pursuing a title search to determine if we own Stover's Point Rd. / Stover's Cove Rd.

Other topics of discussion:

Hildreth Rd Landing – who owns the road? What are the issues?

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Bill Wells reported on the Giant's Stairs and made some recommendations:

1. There has been a "survey" of the property for a rough-cost estimate.
R.A. Webber gave an estimate of \$12,000.
2. Get a signed contract for work to be done.
3. Erosion control – culverts, etc. to address drainage).
4. Let pathway meander as usual.
5. A 6 ft. path to accommodate maintenance machinery.
6. The Committee agreed that the path ~~should be "handicapped accessible"~~
from Ocean Ave. to the Sinnett plaque be improved to make it walkable
by the elderly.

Bob Waddle – is interested in working on the MCC application.

Tony Barrett – read a letter from MCC Trail Planning Service – \$295 per day.
(Lester Kenway was trail director @ Baxter State Park for many years).
Tony, Bob and Lester did a "walk-thru" and Lester prepared a report.

Bill Wells – reported that there are two Boy Scout troops who would like to participate in the trails projects.

Contact Person for MCC: – a unanimous vote made Bob Waddle the Contact
Person for the MCC Project Proposal.

On Mar 20, 2007, the Conservation Committee meets at 3:30 PM;

On April 10, 2007, the Recreation Committee meets at 6:30 PM.

Town Lands Committee members should note these meetings and try to attend one or both.

Our next meeting is MARCH 6, 2007 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Kenney